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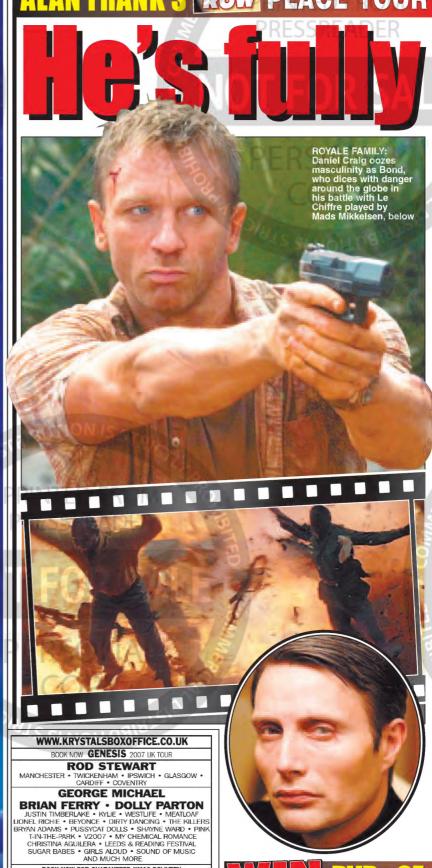
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CRAIG WILL BOND WITH 02 FANS

CASINO ROYALE (12A)

FORTY-FOUR years ago cinema fans stirred as a Bond babe stepped out of the sea in a skintight bathing suit.

Now it's happened again with another 007 star following in Ursula Andress's footsteps and rising from the waves in

skimpy swimwear.

But this time it's the man himself – not a
Bond beauty – who's keeping the tradition

But this time it's the man himself – not a Bond beauty – who's keeping the tradition alive.

The hue and cry that erupted among Bond fans when it was announced that Daniel Craig had been cast to replace Pierce Brosnan as the cinema superspy made it seem that 007 had finally had his chips. Wrong.

Thanks to a succession of stunning action sequences, Craig and his squad of stunt doubles have revitalised 007's licence to thrill.

Bond was first portrayed as a thug in a dinner jacket by Sean Connery; then by George Lazenby (who?); as a tallor's dummy with an eyebrow and a quip by Roger Moore, by charisma-lite Timothy Dalton, and, notably, by debonair Brosnan.

In this gritty fi largely humour-free movie of Ian Fleming's first 007 novel, the familiar formula of smart quips and ingenious gadgets has been eliminated and Bond is depicted as hard but caring and, once again, as a thug in a dinner jacket.

Except this time it's the Bond girl – sexily played by Eva Green – who buys 007 the ultra-fashionable dinner jacket he needs to play against baddie Le Chiffre in the multi-

play against baddie Le Chiffre in the multi-million dollar poker game that is the thriller's central sequence.

Mission

Writers Neal Purvis and Robert Wade make striking amends for their soggy spy spoof Johnny English by taking Bond back to basics.

They show him earning his "licensed to kill" status by disposing of a traitor in a fracas in a men's loo.

Then, having proved

a fracas in a men's loo.
Then, having proved
he's a lethal weapon,
Bond is assigned to take
out Le Chiffre, whose
business is funding global
terrorists – a mission that
takes him around the
world and naturally puts
him in danger

world and naturally puts him in danger. In a terrifying scene that's guaranteed to make men squirm and their eyes water, Bond is stripped naked, tied to a chair where the seat has been removed and brutal-

been removed and brutally beaten about his unmentionables.
But like all celluloid heroes, he has near-supernatural powers of recuratival

peration. He is later able to rise to He is later able to rise to the occasion with Green before bringing the house down in an action-packed climax in Venice. Now 007 is a callous



A REAL GEM: Eva Green plays Vesper Lynd

brute who kills without compunction and is creepily in touch with his sensitive side.

When Green sobs When Green sobs in a shower after he kills a man, he holds her and his shirt soaks, revealing his pumped-up physique like a hunky male pin-up. Clearly no expense has been spared on stunt doubles and special effects to make touch hut.

doubles and special effects to make tough-but-

tender Craig the spearhead of a new sexy and sadistic Bond and it's paid off handsomely: Casino Royale will be a

Casmo Royale will be a big hit.
Action is still the name of the game starting with an adrenaline-surging foot race in Africa, followed by shoot-outs and fist fights.

and fist fights.
There's an edge-of-theseat four-wheeled chase
in an out-of-control fuel
tanker at an airport and
any amount of assorted
murder, mayhem and

gunplay vespet Lynu
gunplay in Madagascar,
Miami and the Bahamas.
And even better news
John Cleese, who was
supremely irritating as
the gadget boffin Q in the
previous two Bond
movies (in real life 007
would have shot him on
sight and the audience
would have cheered) has
been eliminated.

Hit

Comedy, once a Bond essential, has almost entirely vanished. It's replaced by Craig's humourless, hard-man act

numouriess, nard-man act and a tough-as-nails approach to the exciting exploits of our most famous spy in a thriller that hits really hard and

means it.

(And here's a thought –
if all the stuntmen and
special effects creators
listed in the end credits were the only people to pay to see the film, it would still be a hit).

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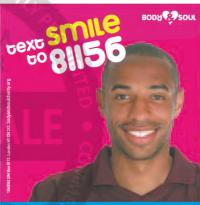


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from eight to 80. VERDICT: 9/10

SPECIAL (15)
WHEN comic book nerd David Rapaport takes part in a clinical trial (for money and a free T-shirt) the drug's side effects convince him he's a superhero who can walk through walls and levitate. It's an amusing enough idea played with dedication by Rapaport and bodes well for the future of first-time writer-directors Hal Haberman and Jeremy Passmore.

VERDICT: 6/10

VERDICT: 6/10 ANTIBODIES (18)

A GERMAN country cop is drawn into toxic mind games by a wicked jailed serial killer in a taut thriller that owes much to The Silence Of The Lambs but pays its debt.

VERDICT: 7/10

REQUIEM (12A)
ALLEGEDLY based on a true story, this strange saga of a German girl who died after a series of exorcisms (the same events

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cisms (the same events inspired the occult thriller The Exorcism Of Emily Rose) is a potent drama, vividly acted by award winner Sandra Hueller.

Hueller.

VERDICT: 7/10

GABRIELLE (15)

SUPERB performances from, especially, Isabelle Huppert and Pascal

THE PRESTIGE

ANIMALS 9 (5) THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 10 (8) SIXTY SIX

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5 (4) SAW III
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7 (5) THE DEPARTED
8 (6) THE PRESTIGE
9 (-) THE RETURN
10 (-) A GOOD YEAR

1 (1) BORAT

Greggory as a wealthy husband and wife whose marriage is painfully disintegrating in turn-of-the-20th-century Paris. VERDICT: 7/10 WE SHALL OVERCOME

(12A)
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OWN GHOUL: The Nightmare

master in a well-made fact-based drama with a climax that will get you

cheering.

VERDICT: 6/10

HEROES AND VILLAINS

(15)
THE best part of this unfunny alleged romantic comedy about a bunch tic comedy about a bunch of young people making a fortune spying on their clients' cheating partners is the end. So poorly acted and directed it wouldn't even make it onto the box VERDICT: 3/10
JOY DIVISION (15)
A GERMAN-born Soviet spy finds love is more important than Communism when he's sent on a secret mission to 1960s London.

London.

A well-meaning but mostly inadequate drama that basically bores for that bas Britain

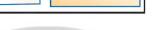
VERDICT: 3/10

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EX KICKS UP A STORM

HE might not be old enough to drive an Aston Martin but teenage superspy Alex Rider is hot on James Bond's heels.

Stormbreaker set the box office on fire this summer, grossing a huge £6million, and it's now out on DVD

The movie is based on the first of six Alex Rider novels, written by Anthony Horowitz,

■ by KATE JACKSON

which have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide.

Alex Pettyfer stars as the 14-year-old reluctant superspy embarking on his first mission.

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STORMBREAKER (PG)
THERE'S a new spy on
the block and he's
licensed to thrill.
He's Alex Rilder, played
with panache by 16-yearold Alex Pettyfer, whose
star-making performance
minth wall.

cover spy gor, is killed jents and MI6

n Rider reluctantly es to infiltrate the -tech HQ of US on Mickey Rourke to

school in Britain a free Stormbreaker computer. But Alex's uncle has trained him well, which makes him a force to be reckoned with. Director Geoffrey Sax drives the script at a cracking pace, stages knockout sequences and sets up a sequel to Rider's first exciting adventure.

VERDICT: 8/10



BEST OF THE REST
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN – DEAD MAN'S CHEST
(12) (Buena Vista DVD)
JOHNNY Depp makes a memorable entrance as camp corsair Jack Sparrow – shooting his way out of a coffin to track down ghostly mariner Davy Jones.
His mad adventures include close encounters with cannibals, tangling with a giant octopus and duelling on top of a giant rolling wheel.
Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom also return but it's bonny buccaneer Depp who gloriously steals the show and makes it a voyage you just can't miss.

VERDICT: 7/10

FLY GUY REEVE

FAMILY CHOICE
SUPERMAN: THE MOVIE
(PG) (Warmer DVD)
VOU'LL believe a man can
fly with Christopher Reeve
in his most famous role as
the man of steel.
Director Richard Donner
plays fair to the traditions
of the classic comic
book character, staging plenty of sizzling
action and using
action and using
1978-style stateof-the-art special effects to

deliver an irresistible mixture of fantasy and thrills.

Reeve was born to play flying hero Superman as well as his mild-mannered reporter after ego Clark Kent, while Margot Kidder is perfect as Lois Lane and Gene Hackman gives his all as villainous Lex Luthor.

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NEIGHBOLIBS: Karl discovers the reason for Lou's "missing week" in Moscow,

Celebrity Scissorhands will be waiting in the wings, primping and preening the evening's guests before they hit the stage. Performers include McFly, Westlife, Girls Aloud, and Emma Bunton, plus the casts of Hollyoaks, Holby City and The Sound of Music Every hour, one lucky caller to the

7.00 Children In Need Terry Wogan, Natasha Kaplinsky and Fearne Cotton return for another bumper night of fundraising fun, kicking off with songs by McFly and the cast of Hollyoaks. All the while, the apprentices from

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8.30 Gardeners' World Special The team visit Sheffield. (R) (W) (S) 9340

9.00 Simon Schama's Power Of Art Turner's painting The Slave Ship, which courted controversy with its portrayal of slave traders throwing their dving cargo into the sea to claim the insurance money, (AD) (W)

10.00 QI Children In Need special in which Jonathan Ross, Rich Hall, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies join Stephen Fry. (W) (S) 43475

10.30 Newsnight Gavin Esler presents a round-up of the day's events. (W) (S) 52123

11.00 Newsnight Review The week's cultural highlights (W) (S) 441291

11.35 Later With Jools Holland With Razorlight and Yusuf Islam. (W) (S) 270920

12.40 BBC News 24 *4580963* **2.00** Ever Wondered About Food? (S) *30166* **2.30** Renaissance Secrets (S) 19673 3.00 Renaissance (S) 19673 3.00 Henaissance Secrets (S) 99988 3.30 Renaissance Secrets (S) 54875 4.00 What's Right For Children? (S) 21418 4.30 Conflicting Histories (S) 49447 5.00 Words And Music (S) 88692 5.30 Civil War (S) 96586

LINIANIMOLIS: Andy offers Kelly some tactical advice but it backfires.

7.00 Channel 4 News Including 7.35 Unreported World
The political future of Lebanon, as Hezbollah continue to

promote themselves as an alternative to the Sunn government. (S) 876659

8.00 Unanimous The remaining eligible contestants make a eligible contestants make a plea for the money, upsetting Beverley, Sian and Kelly. Andy's tactical advice to Kelly backfires badly on him and everyone turns on Lusipher. (S) 5611

9.00 The Simpsons Homer stages a revolt against moves to give Springfield a new telephone

dialling code. (R,S) 6746

9.30 The Simpsons The family appear as classic characters in a trilogy of tales, including Lisa as Joan of Arc. (S) 72475

10.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats Topical panel show. (S) *425833*

10.35 Bo! In The USA Avid reflects on his time in Hollywood. Last in series. (S) 464982

11.10 Man To Man With Dean **Learner** A psychic guests on the show. (S) 418388

11.40 My Name Is Earl A guilty Earl helps his father. Comedy, starring Jason Lee. (R,S) 474104

12.10 The Album Chart Show *9281708* **12.35** Gumball 3000 9281708 12.35 (sumball solve) 8102586 1.15 Late Night Poker Masters (R) 226321 2.15 The Real Goodfellas (R,S) 217673 3.15 The Death Squads (R,S) 213857 4.15 100 Per Cent English (R,S) 506079 5.15 Countdown (R,S) 9882924



RED PLANET Val Kilmer stars as an astronaut sent to explore

7.00 five news (S) *8545475* 7.30 Pimp My Ride UK

A film student's VW Beetle is transformed with cameras to aid parking and a cutting-edge film edit suite installed in the back seat. (S) Followed by five news update. (S) 2976369

8.00 FILM: Red Planet 2000 (12) A team of astronauts sent to explore the potential of Mars become stranded and are left fending off attacks from a fending off attacks from a seemingly unstoppable robot and a swarm of parasitic insects. Fast-moving sci-fi thriller which proved to be a box-office flop, despite a cast that includes Val Kilmer and Tom Sizemore. (AD) (S) 10754456

10.05 FILM: Alien 3 1992 (18) Gritty sci-fi sequel, with Sigourney Weaver reprising her role as Officer Ripley for another showdown with the seemingly indestructible extraterrestrial, this time on a planet inhabited entirely by male convicts. Director David Fincher, making his feature debut, keeps the tension rising and concocts a suitably bleak vision of the future. Charles Dance, Charles S Dutton, Brian Glover and Lance Henriksen co-star. (S) 99072562

12.10 Private Parts: The Trouble With My Breasts (R,S) 5941925 1.10 The Great Big British Quiz 83901925 5.35-6.00 Wildlife SOS (R,S) 93495963



EMMERDALE: Edna hands in the forged report prompting officials to confront the Kings, 7pm

7.00 Emmerdale Officials from the Health and Safety Executive arrive to investigate Édna's

claims. (AD) (W) (S) 8611 7.30 Coronation Street Frankie learns of Jamie's plans to leave Weatherfield. (AD) (W) (S) 123

8.00 Rubbish Revolt: Tonight Jonathan Maitland investigates. (W) (S) 4659
8.30 Coronation Street

Frankie makes a decision about her ex-husband and stepson. (AD) (W) (S) 6494

9.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Ant and Dec update viewers on what the famous faces have been getting up to over the past 24 hours in the Australian jungle. (S) 7833

10.00 Dating The Enemy A nonnense Liverpudlian dates a trendy Londoner. (W) (S) *30901*

10.30 ITV News Including Local News and Weather. (S) 56949

11.00 George Michael: I'm Your Man - A South Bank Show Special The singer discusses his career, sexuality and attitude to drugs, while cameras follow rehearsals for his latest tour. Melvyn Bragg presents. (R) (W) (S) 52746

12.00 Make Your Play Interactive game show offering viewers the chance to use their skill and chance to use their skill and judgement to win nightly cash prizes of up to £50,000. (W) Followed by ITV News. 1189741 4.25 Too Many Cooks (R) (SL) (S) 7198925 5.00 Nightscreen 82418

(S) SUBTITLES (R) REPEAT (AD) AUDIO DESCRIPTION (SL) SIGN LANGUAGE (W) WIDESCREEN

9.25 Coronation Street Danny dreams of getting married in Spain. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 1732727 9.55 Emmerdale (R) (S) 1759949 10.25 The Montel Williams Show

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Topical debate. (R) 2982562
11.10 Judge Judy (R) (S) 3329340
12.30 Coronation Street Steve
reluciantly allows Vernon to work at
the Rovers. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 87494
1.00 Emmerdale (R) (W) (S) 35017
1.30 Jeremy Kyle (R) (S) 5335017
3.40 Ricki Lake (R) 1214456
4.25 Sally Jessy Raphael
US Chat show. (R) 9926765
5.10 Judge Judy (R) (S) 8987901
6.00 The New Adventures Of
Superman Lois poses as a singer
in a nightclub to learn more about its
Mob owners. (R) 62185

Mob owners. (R) 62185
7.00 The Xtra Factor: The

7.00 The Xtra Factor: The Aftermath (R) (W) 89727
8.00 The Xtra Factor: Xcess All Areas Ben Shephard goes behind the scenes: (W) 98475
9.00 David Walliams: My Life With James Bond The comic actor reveals his passion for the spy films. (R) (W) (S) 78611
10.00 Casino Royale: Royal World Premiere ITV Special Jenni Falconer joins stars of the film. 30098
10.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here Now! Kelly Osbourne and Brendon Burns present. (W) 66140
11.30 Coronation Street (R) 97369

30 Coronation Street (R) 97369 12.00 Coronation Street (R) (W) (S) 75031 **12.30** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here: Live (W) 45609 **1.30** Playdate: ITV Play (W) 846147 **4.00** Playalong: ITV Play 23321

ITV3

5.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 3583543

Survival (R) 6843253 Film File 37626920 Peak Practice (R) 2436253 Ironside (R) 4013291 Rockford Files (R) 7671475

9.05 Rockford Files (R) 7671475
10.10 Outside Edge (R) 9101727
10.40 Outside Edge (R) 2116253
11.15 Pie In The Sky (R) 4289388
11.25 Rychipole Of The Bailey
Courtroom drama. (R) 2065543
1.25 Wycliffe (R) 1757765
2.35 Ironside (R) 8093901
3.35 Goodnight Sweetheart
Time travelling comedy. (R) 3021369
4.15 Rockford Files (R) 6029009
5.15 Peak Practice (R) 2352456
6.20 Goodnight Sweetheart

15 Peak Practice (†) 2952456 20 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary has a dilemma. (R) 7027098 00 Rumpole Of The Bailey An ageing artist engages Rumpole to defend him. (R) 5046415 10 The Two Ronnies Classic compde (actions). (P) 4659185

8.10 Ine Iwo Konnies Classic comedy sketches. (R) *9453185* 9.00 FILM: See No Evil, Hear No Evil 1989 (15) Comedy with Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder. *34466765* 11.05 Tales Of The Unexpected Nicel Hayers stars. (R) *5723901*

Nigel Havers stars. (R) 5723901 11.40 Tales Of The Unexpected A devious woman meets her match when she tries to take advantage of

when she tries to take advantage of a struggling male artist. (R) 8551524 12.10 The Grimleys (R) (3) 335857 12.40 The Grimleys (R) (S) 7250437 1.10 Forever Green (R) 2631128 2.10 Noah's Ark (R) 2215418 3.10-5.10 Teleshopping (W) 6958988

ITV4

6.00 Married - With Children

Starring Ed O'Neill. (R) 6784659
6.30 Married – With Children
Starring Katey Sagal. (R) 67668611
7.00 Now And Again Theo and Michael turn detective. (R) 58328307

8.00 Martial Law Part two of two.

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Sammo hunts down Scorpio. Last in series. (R) 58304727
9.00 Homicide: Life On The Street Frank tackles his first case as a primary. Drama. (R) 58317291
10.00 Police, Camera, Action! The world of JCB racing. (R) 24543272
10.30 FILM: For Your Eyes Only 1091 (PQ) Report More progresses

1981 (PG) Roger Moore reprise thriller 65042340

thriller, 65042340

OD Casino Royale: Royal World

Premiere ITV Special (R)
66090321 1.30 Dinner For Five
27436031 2.05 FILM: Blood Money 1988 (18) Thriller. 98303505 **4.00** Teleshopping 85967925 **5.50** Nightscreen 58897079



CORRIE: ITV1, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY

THERE'S something faintly disturbing about Jamie's love for step-mum Frankie in CORONATION STREET (ITV1, 7.30pm and 8.30pm) and the sooner this uncomfortable

7.3upm and a.supm) and the sooner this uncomfortable storyline is played out the better, as far as I am concerned. However, it does get rather interesting tonight because the pair are in danger of being caught with rather more than their guard down. Jamie is planning to quietly slip away from Weatherfield without telling the love of his life. He simply can't bear the thought of not having Frankie for himself. But when she hears of his plans, courtesy of simpering Sean, fabulous Frankie finds the lovelorn

What will it go for this time?

Tune in at 9pm tonight to find out.

lad and gives him a right old tongue-lashing. Well, a tongue sandwich actually. The randy pair breathlessly make for the bedroom – but what they don't know is that Danny is on his way. The chirpy chap is not likely to be best pleased if he catches his son with the woman who is now his fianche

chap is not likely to be best pleased if he catches his son with the woman who is now his fiancée but who used to be his wife.

WE may only intend to tune in in the hope of seeing normally po-faced BBC presenters making fools of themselves but CHIDREN IN NEED (BBC1, 7pm) still manages to part us from our cash year in, year out. Last year it managed to raise a whopping £33million. But while the money-raising element is

all-important, we still want to be entertained. So, as the BBC abandons its normal schedule for six solid hours, what fun can we

six solid hours, what fun can we expect to see? Well, there's music from the likes of McFly, Westlife, Girls Aloud, Sugababes, Emma Bunton and Ronan Keating. There's some disconsense from the cast of Holby City and turns from members of other shows, including Bad Girls and Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps. The highlight, though, surely has to be the naming of the person to become the new voice of the Speaking Clock. I always wondered what became of John Major.

NEIL BONNER

ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES

STAR RATINGS

*****Don't miss it ****Good ***Average **Time filler *Garbage!

633 SQUADRON (1964) *** BBC2 1.35-3.10pm. WW2 drama. Cliff Robertson leads a dangerous mission by RAF Mosquito bombers to destroy a vital German heavy water factory in occupied Norway by collapsing an overhanging cliff onto the facility. Also starring George Chakiris and Harry Andrews.

CAN'T BE HEAVEN (1999) *** Five 1.35-3.40pm. Fantasy drama. A 13-year-old youngster trying to get through the trials and tribulations of adolescence gets unexpected help and advice from the friendly ghost of a 40-year-old saxophone player. Co-starring Ralph Macchio, Diane Ladd and Bryan Burke.

BLESS THIS HOUSE (1972) *** C4 1.50Substantial States of the Coupland undergo various problems trying to cope with the antics of their high-spirited children Sally Geeson and Robin Askwith. Also starring June Whitfield and Terry Scott.

starring June Whitfield and Terry Scott.

CHILDREN OF FORTUNE (TVM, 2000)

"Five 3.40-5.30pm. Drama. US Navy detective James Brolin is forced to take his precoclous teenage daughter with him on a murder investigation after his former wife decides to relinquish custody of the girl. Also starring Virginia Madsen, Michael Moriarty and Amanda Fuller.

RED PLANET (2000) **** Five 8.0010.05pm. Science fiction. A team of specialist American astronauts making the first manned flight to Mars are forced to depend on one another for survival when they crash-land on the inhospitable surface of the planet. Starring Val Kilmer, Carrie-Ann Moss and Terence Stamp.

Terence Stamp.

ALIEM 3 (1992) **** C4 10.05 pm12.10am. Science fiction thriller. The
sequel strikes back when extraterrestrial fighter
Sigourney Weaver crash-lands on a planet
which serves as a prison for 25 randy men and
has a close encounter of the gruesome kind.
Also starring Charles Dance and Brian Glover.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

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BBC1 Variations WALES: 1.30-1.40 Local News; Weather 287/18217 3.20-3.25 BBC News, Weather; Local News 375/3096 3.05-6.55 Local News 775/3096

BBC2 Variations WALES: 7.00 Scrum V Live 60/1494 9.30-10.30 Simo Schamas Power Of Art 898/33

ITV1 Variations ITV1 ANGLIA: 3.28-3.30 Anglia Weather 37/7/765 6.00-6.30 Local News 630 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 77/1765 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 5/727/65 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 77/7676 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 5/727/65 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 5/727/65 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 5/727/65 6.00-6.30 Local News 650 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV Weather 6/72 ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30 ITV1 CENTRA



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television

TV GUIDE:

...ON LAST NIGHT'S T

HAVE you ever watched a show and then been left wondering if you had really seen it, or if it was just stitched together in your dreams from a memory bank of a million also-rans?

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL (ITV1) had that effect on me, It seemed to feature half the cast of Coronation Street transplanted to Leeds to act out a hybrid of Cold Feet, a cop show and a Carry-On film. Suranne Jones played Linda, a sex therapist married to a tattooed beefeake. She shared her practice with brother-in-law Greg (Tristan Gemmill), and-when not dispensing advice to troubled couples, Linda was trying to persuade him to donate his sperm so she could have a baby.

There was, in case you needed telling, some "history" between Greg and Linda – and if

you didn't pick up that from the lingering looks, then there were plenty of lines so lame they could have been delivered on a stretcher. The makers of this bafflingly-bad production also turned Linda into a part-time cop, who regularly headed off on a motorbike to give advice to her lesbian detective pal.

Insight

"It appears to be autoerotic asphyxiation." Linda said, after examining a naked female corpse with a noose around the neck. This, presumably, was the sort of insight that no forensic pathologist could have offered, which was why they had to draft in the local sex therapist. The police thing seemed to have been pulled out of a hat to make it all more

exciting. But the sad thing was that there

exciting. But the sad thing was that there really could have been a good show here. Linda's two sex cases might have been too graphic for some, but they were played with an honesty and decency lacking from the rest of the piece. For newlywed Tiffany (Nikki Sanderson), a dream honeymoon and a gorgeous groom could not compensate for her insecurities in the bedroom. But the problem lay not with her, but with her mum – who couldn't bear to let her little girl grow up. There was darkness in the tale of Claudie (Stacey Roca), whose affairs wrecked every relationship – and led to her death. But the 50 or so minutes surrounding these stories weren't part of a programme or a dream. They were a TV nightmare.

FILMS

SKY MOVIES 1

6.00am The End Of Eden (1996) (PG) Drama. 68494982 7.40 Taken Away (1996) (PG) Powerful drama. 40017949 9.20 A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1995) (PG) Comedy. 88543630 11.05 A Walk In The Clouds (1995) (PG) Romantic drama. 14079663 12.50pm Madagascar (2005) (U)

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mantic dra 7.30 Madagascar - Making Of Behind the scenes on the animated

8.00 Madagascar (2005) (U)
Animated adventurer. 53036
9.30 Madagascar – Making Of
Behind the scenes. 94611 10.00 Spartan (2004) (15) Political thriller, starring Val Kilmer. 616814 11.50 21 Grams (2003) (15) Acclaimed drama, starring Sean I

I'll Sleep When I'm Dead

4.00-6.00 The End Of Eden (1996) (PG) Drama, with Jennie Garth. 50944

SKY MOVIES 2

6.30am Malpractice (2001) (PG) Movie (1997) (PG) 12093524 10.10 Sky Movies News 2782098 10.40 Volcano: Fire On The Mountain (1997) (PG) 40744388 12.25pm Young Ivanhoe (1995) (PG) Adventure. 140712 2.15 Malpractice (2001) (PG)

Thriller, 794949
4.00 Turbo: A Power Rangers
Movie (1997) (PG) High-kicking
adventure, with Jason David Frank, 5920
6.00 Top 10s Of 2006 671746
6.20 Volcano: Fire On The
Mountain (1997) (PG) Adventure,
starting Dan Cortose, 90759020 starring Dan Cortese. 92959920

8.00 Deuce Bigalow: European
Gigolo (2005) (15) Premiere. Comedy
sequel, starring Rob Schneider. 55494

9.30 The Dukes Of Hazzard (2005)

(12) Comedy, starring Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville. 882814 11.25 Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (2005) (15) Premiere. Comedy 12.55am Our House (2003) (12) Comedy. 641963 2.30 Butter (1997) (18) Drama.

4.15 6.00 Young Ivanhoe (1995) (PG) Adventure. 786012

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00am How Green Was My Valley (1941) (PG) Drama. 57769366 8.10 Cheaper By The Dozen (1950) (U) Comedy. 19370456 9.50 The Chaplin Revue (1959) (U) Comedy. 4640300 Cornedy, 64501920
12.00 Sinbad And The Eye Of The Tiger (1977) (U) Adventure, 5128814
1.55 How Green Was My Valley (1941) (PG) Drama, 11991253
4.00 The Chaplin Revue (1959) (U) 4.00 The Chapin new Atrio of Chapin comedies. 5804901 6,00 Sinbain And The Eye Of The Tiger (1977) (U) Arabian adventure, starring Patrick Wayne. 9767901 8.00 Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1974) (PG) Emotional drama, with Ellen Burstyn. 9779746 drama, with Ellen Burstyn. 97/9746 10.00 Fargo (1996) (18) Thriller,

starring Frances McDormand. 332000 12.00midnight The Revenge Of Frankenstein (1957) (15) Horror.

1.50 Popcorn 32478789 2.20 Fargo (1996) (18) Thriller.

4.10 6.00 Cheaper By The Dozen (1950) (U) Comedy. 5074418

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RADIO

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00 Radio 1 (FII: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00 Chris Moyles, 10.00 Jo Whiley 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Vernon Kay. 4.00 Scott Mills, 6.00 Scott Mills Floor Fillers. 7.00 Essential Selection With Pete Tong. 9.00 1Xtra Takeover With Ace & Vis. 10.00 Annie Mac's Mash Up. 12.00 Fabio And Grooverider. 2.00 in New DJs We Trust. 4.00 Radio 1's After Show With The Troph Twins.

Twins.

Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz) 6.00
Sarah Kennedy: The Dawn Patrol.

7.30 Wake Up To Wogan.

9.30 Ken Up To Wogan.

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9.30 Ken Store.

10.0 Lris Evans.

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12.00 Mark.

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SKY SPORTS 1

SPORT

6.00am Live European Tour Golf Hong Kong Open. 256253 9.00 Golf 986982 12.00noon Golf 73291 1.00 European Tour Golf 379543 4.00 Transworld Sport 64920 5.00 Premier League Preview 9765 5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 9494 6.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 79475 7.00 Premier League Preview Weekend's fixtures 9901 7.30 Live Football League Cardiff City v Queens Park Rangers (Kick-off 7.45pm). 886123 10.00 Live Friday Fight Night David Haye v Giacobbe Fragomeni. 51456 12.00midnight Football League 89963 1.30 Premier League Preview 48147 2.00 Friday Fight Night 65383 4.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 36673 5.00 Premi League Preview 40470 5.30-6.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial 83050

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Aerobics 3891543 6.30 Shift Adventure Snowriders 1532765 7.00 Aerobics 3409562 7.30 Shift Adventure Snowriders 3495369 8.00 Race World 7881524 9.00 Shift Adventure Snowriders 6157302 9.30 ATP Tennis 9726104 10.00 Rugby Club 5548307 11,30 Premier League Snooker 2372727 3.00pm FIFA Fulbol Mundial 2057104 3.30 Powerboating 9126340 4.00 Golf 277238 7.00 Golf Australian, Hong Kong and Phoelix Open 257322 10.00 Socger AMP ABI

Sports Show Highlights. 4445524 11.00
Premier League Preview Weekend's fixtures. 6761307 11.30 ICC Cricket World Magazine show. 1512901 12.00 midnight Tight Lines 7860031 1.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 2505948 2.00 Sports Unlimited 3189321 3.00 Premier League Preview 5591499 3.30 Football League 8347673 5.00 Moto Plus 7886079 5.30 World Sport 3865128

SKY SPORTS 3

8.00am Transword Sport 31815920 9.00 Motor Racing 48086036 10.00 Race World 14607901 11.00 Racing News 70655456 11.30 Aerobics 70656185 12.00moon Race World 44718678 1.00 Transworld Sport 44794098 2.00 Shift Adventure Snowiders 69732475 2.30 NBA Action 38159307 3.00 Race World 70650901 4.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial 38140659 4.30 Wild Spirits 38139643 5.00 WWB Raw UK 52150949 7.00 Tight Lines Fishing phone-in. 52720494 8.00 Endzone American football magazine. 5270814 9.00 Spirit 01 Yachting World Cup. 70668920 9.30 magazine. 52706814 9.00 Spirit Of Yachting World Cup. 7068920 9.30 America's Cup Sailling Latest round of Lot Vuitton Acts. 44719307 10.00 WWE: Late Night - Smackdown Wrestling. 70659272 12.00midnight WWE: Late Night - Bottom Line 31878499 1.00 America's Cup Sailing 46473166 1.30 Golf 79236505 4.30 America' Cup Sailing 46454031 5.00 Spirit Of Yachting 31887147 5.30 360 Surfing 48034673

SKY ONE

6.00am Taste 7.00 Pokemon 7.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! **8.00** Malcolm In The Middle **8.30** Malcolm In The Middle Middle 8.30 Malcolm in The Middle 9.00 Scrubs 9.00 Scrubs 9.00 Scrubs 10.00 Law & Order 11.00 Cold Case 12.00 noon Bulfy 1.00 Scrubs 1.30 Scrubs 2.00 Cold Case 3.00 Bulfy 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00 Malcolm in The Middle 6.30 Malcolm in The Middle 7.00 The Simpsons 7.30 The Simpsons 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Football loon 9.00 Road Wars Ine Simpsons 7.30 Ine Simpsons 8.00 Football icon 9.00 Road Wars 10.00 Las Vegas 11.00 Dom Joly's Happy Hour 12.00midnight Stargate SG-1 1.00 Mile High 1.50 Temptation Island UK 2.40 Unsolved Crimes USA 3.30 Vinnie Jones' Excellent Advanture 4.20 Last Days Of The Nazis 5.10-6.00 Dream Team

BBC THREE

7.00pm Celebrity Scissorhands 9.00 Torchwood 9.50 Celebrity Scissorhands Uncut **2.00am**Torchwood **2.50** Torchwood
Declassified **3.00** Honey We're Killing
The Kids Revisited

BBC FOUR

7.00pm BBC Four Sessions 8.00 The World 8.30 Nation On Film 9.00 Legends 10.00 Sight And Sound In cert: Procol Harum 10.30 QI 11.00 Don't Watch That, Watch This 11.30 The Avengers 12.20am Legends 1.20 Nation On Film 1.50 Don't Watch That, Watch This! 2.20 BBC Four Sessions 3.20 Legends

E4

6.00am Music: Uninterrupted **7.30** Wake Up With The Cast Of The Wake Up With The Cast Of The Prestige 8.30 Whatever You Want 11.00 Nothing But Hall Of Fame Noon E4 Music: Uninterrupted 1.00 Freshly Squeezed Extra 2.00 The OC 3.00 Reurinon 4.00 Scrubs 4.30 Filends 5.00 Fineds 5.30 Friends 6.00 The OC 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 Friends 9.00 Stop Treating Me Like A Kid 10.00 Unanimous: The Fallout 10.30 Film: Save The Last Dance (2001) (f2) 12.40am Porn: A ramily Business 12.40am Porn: A Family Business 1.15 Porn: A Family Business 1.50 Stop Treating Me Like A Kid 2.50 Reunion 3.30 Porn: A Family Busine 3.55 Porn: A Family Business Switched 4.45 Switched 5.10 s 4.25 Switched 5.30 Switched

MORE4

10.15am A Place In The Sur risited 10.45 Countdown 11.35 Deal Or No Deal **12.25pm** The New Paul O'Grady Show **1.25** Film: A Countess From Hong Kong (1967) (PG) 3.30 Thirtysomething 4.30 Film: Sailor Of The King (1953) (U) 6.05 Deal Or No Deal 7.00 A Place In The Sun 8.00 More4 News 8.30 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart 9.00 Grand Designs 10.00 Film: The Green Mile (1999) (18) 1.20am Curb Your Enthus

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10pm Freeview 10.10 When Posh Girls Go Bad 10.30 Foot Worship 10.50 Two Jonnies 11.00 Freeview 11.10 The Two Jonnies 11.20 Street Heat 11.30 Teresa Scott Unleashed 11.50 The Omar Show Midnight 12.15 The Omar Show
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in Shooker? I say its 147 my mate
says its 155. Whos rite? beljo

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word "paranoid". John

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dental medication. dental medication.

A. BERRY,
Welton, Lincoln.
MICK and Paddy are reading
headstones in the graveyard.
Mick says "This guy was 152."
"What's his name?" asks Paddy.
"Miles from London."

ANDY SHIPLEY, Stoke-on-Trent.
BATMAN went up to Robin and hit him over the head with a vase.
"T'PAU," he said. "Don't you mean KAPOW?" Robin asked.
"No," he said. "Ye got China in my hand."

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IF all countries agreed to cut all emissions, it would slow down global

warming.
But there must be many more emanating from bomb explosions and gunfire.

With wars large and small throughout the world, they must be a bigger threat than 4x4s.

BILL TALLON,

SO the Beckhams haven't been seen together for almost

four weeks...

If Posh wasn't so busy swanning
about seeking publicity, she might
have more time for her hubby.
Accept the job in America, Vicky,
then maybe we won't be seeing
your miserable face in our newspapers again.

KATHLEEN BROWN,

Whinmoor, Leeds

Whinmoor, Leeds.

THE authorities are always warning children about the dangers of fireworks. So what kind of example has that soldier shown by sticking a firework up his anus?

I wonder if his job in the Army was a rear gumer?

was a rear gunner G. WALTON, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Orgy in the office

MY husband fired his

MY husband fired his secretary for stealing money from his desk. Now she's written me a shocking letter outlining the terrible things that allegedly go on.

go on. She claims most of the staff are having affairs.
She insists that as

She insists that as well as fiddling the company, my husband often sleeps with one of the girls in the sales department and once had a threesome with two female reps.

Debts

She reckons he's got a chronic cocaine habit and often starts drinking at 11am. There's no suggestion she's trying to blackmail me, but she is going to take this information to an industrial tribunal. I've not shown my

I've not shown my husband the letter. But he does have massive debts and regularly comes home drunk...

JANE SAYS: You can't ignore this letter. Your husband's ex-secretary has gone public and intends to use it to

intends to use it to clear her name. Assuming she's not bluffing, she's going to embarrass everyone she's worked with and bring down as many excolleagues as she can. You may not believe her claims, but you've got to show this letter to your husband and get his reaction. He needs to know what he's dealing with and he's dealing with and

ne's dealing with and so do you. If he is the coke-snort-ing, womaniser she sug-gests, you have to decide where that leaves you and your marriage.



COLD SHOULDER: Snoozing husband shuns his bride

MY husband and I have been married for nine months – but already the physical side of our relationship has tailed off completely.

We made love on our wedding night and then a handful of times in the first two months.

We find the first two months.

But since then he hasn't come near me. Instead, I go up to bed and read.— and I can only assume that he creeps up after midnight when I'm asleep.

In the morning he's up and out before 7am, so we never touch and we never talk about it. I don't understand how we've ended up like this. In the early days of our relationship we were passionate. I remember us going to a Bon Jovi concert and having sex in the toilets at Wemblev.

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Another time we got caught having oral sex in his office car park. People used to think we were a couple of goers.

Arm

He maintains that he loves me and will often put his arm round me in public if we're out with friends. I keep asking myself: "Aren't I attractive enough?"
But I had dozens of boyfriends and loads of sexual partners before him. I've even got a colleague at work who's always joking about fancying me, so I can't be all bad.

JANE SAYS: There's noth-JANE SAYS: There's noth-ing wrong with you – but there is something wrong with your relationship. Very quickly, your rela-tionship has become sex-

tionship has become sex-less and you're living like an elderly couple. You've got to swallow your pride and talk to him about this. You've got to find out what he's thinking. Is he gay? Has he lost his sexual confidence? Is there something in his past you need to know about? Gently ask your husband for a chat. Resist blaming him, but calmly point out that something is wrong – and you're not prepared to carry on like this. Contact Relate (0845 456

Contact Relate (0845 456 1310) for more help.

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LILLIAN GREAVES,
Dulwich
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derful man, why
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nuspand, when ised what a iderful man I'd lost, I it back after him and n't let anyone stand

n my way. Mrs KAREN WHITFIELD, Manchester Manchester
THIS reader is going
to end up a lonely
spinster if she's not
careful. She's setting her
sights too high and
being unrealistic.
I doubt very much if
her ex-boyfriend was
perfect and she's not

perfect and she's not giving her subsequent lovers a chance. I was very picky as a young woman, until I hit 30 and came to my senses. I married my husband, warts and all, and we're very happy. NAME WITHHELD

NOW here is this week's problem. What should this reader do? Send

address at the bottom of the page. A selection will appear in TWO weeks.

I HATE my mum's new boyfriend. He's nothing but a thug. He's six years younger than Mum. She's fattered and thinks he's a catch, but has been in prison and has a violent reputation. She insists that he's lovely to her, but how

orie insists into hes ovely to her, but how many times have you heard that before? I'm scared that he's going to hurt her, but she won't hear a word said against him.

MY 23-year-old son has never

MY 23-year-old son has never worked or had a girlfriend. He says it's all my fault that he's a failure. He blames me for going out to work when he was young. He says I abandoned him to nurseries and after-school clubs and left him feeling unwanted. Strange his sister is doing so well

with her teaching career. I just want him to be happy and fulfilled, but he turns everything against me.

JANE SAYS: At some point your son has got to start taking some responsibility for his own life. He was loved, fed and educated, wasn't he? So why at 23 is he still

moaning about his terrible start? Don't allow him to make you feel guilty. Insist he gets off his back-side and starts living. Presumably he's still living at home and scrounging off you?

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Surely that has to change too. Send him to his GP if he is genuinely depressed.

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Aries

AN agreement may be less involved than you thought. Normally, you would be thrilled to accept – but you need to check a few things out before you commit yourself. It's tempting to give in to others' demands today for the sake of a bit of peace and quiet. As long as you leave yourself room to negotiate. To see why your prospects are good, call...

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Taurus

IN some ways, you may have to play down a relationship to maintain some harmony at home. It's awkward, and there could be occasions when it's impossible to get along. Just wait until the weekend and everything will begin to slot into place. To see why a transaction is like a marriage, call....

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Gemini

(May 22-June 22) THIS week may end on a sour note. There is, however, no rush with a certain project at work. You don't want to mess things up. A more settled way of life will soon begin, and you can rejoin someone. But not before you have cleared your backlog of work. To find out why your whole routine will change, call...

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Cancer

(June 23-July 23)

YOU might feel betrayed by a former friend. They will lose out in the end, even if you have to bear the cost or take a loss today. It's not a vast amount of money. You should be more than happy dating again. Wait for the phone call — it's just what you've been hoping for! To see why this can be a personally rewarding time, call...

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Leo (July 24-Aug 23)

THE Sun is challenged by Saturn in Leo today. This might be the right time to utter a few home truths. Don't worry — your lack of sensitivity won't antagonise too many of your loved ones. Too bad, you won't be shy about saying how you feel. Support from the family means everything. To see why you have bags of compassion, call...

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(Sep 24-Oct 23)

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

THERE'S a tendency to be confused and you will need to act wisely, even if something goes wrong today. You can expect an easier ride once you've sorted out some problems at home. Hopefully, no objections will be raised if you decide to make a point. To see why order will be restored, call...

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Libra

فام THE desire is to make a difference. But friendship and caring don't work and you could get yourself into debt today. In general, this is a rewarding time. You might even have a lot of fun taking advantage of someone whas a lot to learn. Serves them right for being so gullible. To see how you will be spared, call...

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Scorpio

(Bet 24-Nev 22)

PLANETARY activity in your own birth sign PLANE IAHY activity in your own birth sign tends to make you question everything. You certainly don't feel that these accusations are fair. Even those in authority are likely to be tested. If you do feel someone is putting you down, don't take it personally today. Instead, you should feel kind of special. To see why you may be in the public eye, call...

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Sagittarius (lw 23-le: 21)

YOU might be reluctant to get too involved at work today. Even if you do manage to work some magic, you could feel out of place. You can't exactly be described as well travelled. If you have to go on a trip, you'll do it for a good reason. To see why Venus in Sagittarius can transform your affairs beyond your wildest dreams, call...

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Capricorn (lt: 22-Ju 21)

IT'S not just a deal that could turn sour so might a relationship. Perhaps you should have asked for money up front? The trouble is, you like someone too much. Forget about your percentage – you may get what you are finally after. It's something you can't put a figure on. To see why you will be having lots of fun, call...

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Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

WHATEVER the provocation, try to refrain from throwing a tantrum at work or chucking in the towel. On a personal level, it is worth playing along with someone's game, even if their behaviour is less than exemplary. The reaction you get at the weekend will be fantastic. To see how you could make your mark, call...

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Pisces

(Feb 28-Mar 20)

(%) THINGS may be slow going and you could end this week completely disillusioned. Maybe you have only just returned to work. Chances are, you will have to work twice as hard to catch up with a colleague. An important visit will be made soon, even if you thought it had been cancelled. To find out what is on the horizon, call....

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SERIAL love-rat, forcoke-head, dad, bankmer absent rupt...the accusa-tions go on and on for Darren Day.

It's probably fair to say he's not seen as the safest pair of hands in showbiz.

Which makes the fact that I Which makes the fact that I was about to put my hair in his mitts my most dangerous job to date – despite the fact that my past missions include prancing around as Superman and being

Superman and being stripped and spray-tanned. And they do say you should never upset your barber, unless you fancy looking like Worzel Gummidge. That is why, despite having to wait an hour for the "privilege" of Darren running his fingers though my hair ("really this is very wrong, isn't it?"). I didn't utter a single grumble.

Busy

The cause of the wait was that Darren, 38, was busy with a glamorous blonde – but not for the reason you

might imagine.
The one-time West End star has teamed up with other familiar faces for the Beeb's Children In Need reality-feet Celebrity Scissorhands, Celebrity Scissorhands, which sees tress-teaser to the stars Lee Stafford try to turn

celebs into stylists.

When I finally sat in
Darren's chair, I soon
learned the self-confessed
lothario had mellowed.

Over the past six months, he's turned his back on the London party scene and set

arren's a

HELL-RAZOR'S LET HIS HAIR DOWN

By PHIL BOUCHER

up home in the countryside near Barnsley, south Yorks, with Emmerdale's Stephanie Dooley, 29, and their new-born daughter Madison. He is also taking Celebrity Scissorhands very seriously. In fact he only kept me wait-ing to make sure he did the best job possible on the blonde's barnet. But with Sarah Cawood, 33, Emma Samms. 45, and

But with Sarah Cawood, 3nd Emma Samms, 45, and Michelle Dewberry, 26, around, there was plenty to keep me occupied. By the time Darren shook my hand, I was totally settled into life inside a reality TV show. And what a weird world it is.

It seems like a normal hair salon until you look up and see the lights and miles of

cabling. It's also very hot and strangely cheery. Chances are you'll hear more swear-ing in a numery. Having your hair washed by a celebrity is another very odd experience.

odd experience.

Midway through my head
massage, Darren suddenly
burst into song with Right
Said Fred singer Richard
Fairbrass, 52. You just don't
get that in a normal barber's.

Smock

Darren also warned me that he'd only had two weeks' training, so he "might be a little slow".

little slow".

He wasn't lying. The wash alone took 20 minutes. After wrapping me in a smock, he then spent another 20 minutes dropping and washing his comb. his comb

He finally lost it, went off to find another and returned

with one he didn't like before

disappearing again.
If it hadn't been for charity,
I would have walked out then

If it hadn't been for charity, I would have walked out then and there. Half an hour later, Darren managed to slip a couple of pink hair slides into my locks to maximise my TV embarrassment. He then sliced his finger open and legged it into an office to strap a plaster on it. A full two hours later and Darren had very carefully trimmed the edges of my locks – something my barber normally achieves in 15 minutes with a cup of tea in one hand and a cig in the other. But he still wasn't happy with his creation. He poured out a huge lump of extrastrength gel and plastered it on, then spent another 15

on, then spent another 15 minutes moving it around.
Four-and-a-half hours after

I walked in, I finally said goodbye to Darren — looking like a Simple Minds fan from the mid-Eightles. I then headed to the neares bog and put it into some kind of reasonable shape for my

or reasonable snape for my journey home.
For the record, it was a really good cut — given that Darren had only wielded the scissors for a fortnight and that mine was only the second trim he'd ever done.

Down-to-earth Darren is also a far nicer bloke than people think.

And, believe me, I know. It's not as if I didn't have the time to get to know him!

• Celebrity Scissorhands

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'You'll get pie in the sky when you die' - Joe Hill

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CAMELOT expect more than 2.5 million punters to enter tonight's £120m-jackpot EuroMillions draw. But the mountain of tickets sold won't be bad news for trees – because Camelot have switched to recycled paper.

switched to recycled paper.
The company, who sell two tonnes of tickets a year, are making their green policy a selling point in the bid for a third lottery licence.
Other initiatives include investing in wind turbines and wave power projects.

wind turbines and war power projects. Only Camelot and Indian firm Sugal & Damani are officially competing for the licence but Intralot, run by Greek tycoon Socrates Kokkalis, is also interested.

DESPITE several health scares, one Punch Taverns landlord, Brian Rey, is game enough to appear in the next telly series of Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares. Rey, who runs the Fenwick Arms at Claughton, near Lancaster, has had two strokes and a heart bypass. But he says: "Having Ramsay around was like having six heart attacks." DESPITE several

COLT have won a 10-year, £41m contract to build and operate a data centre contract to contract to operate a data centre for US investment fund **Fidelity**. Fidelity have a 64% stake in the struggling telecoms firm.

BILLIONAIRE Simon Halabi has bought Esporta fitness clubs for an estimated £460m trumping rivals LA
Fitness and Total
Fitness.

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HOT GOSSIP

REGEN Therapeutics was steady at 1.02p yesterday amid chatter that a European licensing deal was due in the next six weeks. The firm is also understood to have attracted takeover interest from major overseas pharma companier while talk of a tie up with EIRx Therapeutics did the rounds.

BT to move for PlusNet gains

BT has moved to recover its share of the UK's broadband market with a £67million bid for smaller operator PlusNet. PlusNet will give BT another 200,000 broadband customers and its automated customer service software. But it is paying £317 per customer, three times what Pipex

paid C&W for Bulldog cus-tomers and 29% higher than Carphone Warehouse paid for AOL punters. BT revealed its share of new

BT revealed its share of new retail broadband customers in the past quarter had dropped from 30% to 25%. Mobile phone operator **3** unveiled deals of its own

"broadband" package over mobile phones.

From December 1 it will charge customers with the right handsets a monthly fee for unlimited access to services, like calls over Skype and web search and browsing.

A spokesman said: "It's the internet as it was meant to be."

FAIR SHARES

SHIRE Pharmaceuticals perked up 4% yesterday amid speculation larger UK rival AstraZeneca was mulling a bid. There was heavy trading too in Burren Energy on talk that an overseas predator could launch a takeover of the oil and gas explorer.

PROFITS HIT THE ROOF

■ by BILL MARTIN

BOOMING demand mortgages sent pre-tax profits soaring for Britain's biggest building society

biggest building society Nationwide.

The mutual, which will have 13million members after snapping up Portman, saw profits rise by nearly a third to \$236.4m for the six months to September.

Outgoing chief executive Philip Williamson, who will be replaced by finance director Graham Beale next year, said the rise in profit was driven by a 50% rise in net lending to \$5.9bn. The company claims it has achieved a 10% market share.

Concerns

Williamson admitted the company was too cautious the previous year, when net lending totalled £6.3bn for the whole 12 months.

But he said Nationwide is now bullish about the future, despite concerns that house price rises are peaking because customers cannot afford to borrow any more money.

He said: "We are predicting house price inflation of 5% to 6% next year. "In reality, we are still operating in a low interest rate environment, and the fundamentals are still strong demand is still outstripping supply."

He said the housing market is also being bolstered by the influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe, putting further upward pressure on demand.

He added that Nationwide has "not

emang. He added that Nationwide has "not ruled out" charging its 4m current account customers for a bank account in the wake of **First Direct's** plans to charge customers

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WINNER: Chelsea ace Drogba celebrates CHELSEA victory ove **BEAT THE** BOOKIES

THE success of British teams in the Champions League has hit trade at Ladbrokes. Chief executive Chris Bell

has hit trade at Laddrones.
Chief executive Chris Bell
said football and racing
results went against the
firm last month.
Out of 16 Champions
League matches played
on the 17th and 18th of
October, 14 were won by
favourites.
These included wins
for Manchester United,
Ceitic and also for
Chelsea – helped by striker Didier Drogba, 28 –
which were all heavily
backed by British gamblers.

Rare

The firm was not helped by the fact none of the games was drawn. "That's actually quite rare out of 16 games," said a spokesman.

Ladbrokes also suffered a bad run on the horses, with favourites winning in five out of seven races on Champions' Day at Newmarket.

The company, in talks to buy online gambler 888 Holdings, said existing underlying profits for the group as a whole rose 8%, with telephone betting up a whopping 47 %.

Grid hit by gas turn-off

NATIONAL Grid, the owner of the

NATIONAL Grid, the owner of the country's energy network, has revealed the price of gas soared so high that householders had for the first time begun switching off power to save bills. Interim profits from the company's business distributing gas to households fell 24% to £71million and it warned profits from this division for the year would be down. "This is the first time we have seen a real demand restriction," said chief executive designate Steve Holliday.

Fears

"We have found that point on the price curve where consumers react. They are starting to conserve energy." He said roughly half the fall was down to fears about high gas bills and global warming and half to the unseasonably warm autumn. However, shares were the biggest riser in the FTSE-100, gaining 47.5p to 746.5p to a value of £20.2billion, as Holliday unveiled plans to demerge its Crown Castle mobile phone and TV mast network.

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX _ Up 25.10 points (+0.40%) at 6254.90

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LAING BID'S

THE board of construc-tion firm **John Laing** threw its weight behind a revised £1billion offer tabled by UK fund manager Henderson Equity
Partners as the battle for
control looked to be over.
Last week Henderson
trumped German insurer

Allianz by upping its first bid by 50p to 405p a share, beating Allianz by 20p.

But now the Germans have thrown in the towel, saving they could not justify increasing the offer.

And the shares were the second biggest faller in the FTSE 250, down 18p at

402p and dipped below the offer price

Laing directors said the new bid offered "superior value for shareholders".

Laing, which runs the Chiltern Railway fran-chise, specialises in the private finance initiatives

private finance initiatives and public-private partnerships building the UK's schools and roads. Its profile has become very attractive to big institutional investors such as pension funds looking for safe havens after suffering volatile market conditions in the bond and equity markets.









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The Road Safety Myth

The Road Safety Myth

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The Driver's Survival Handbook is co-authored by Martin Inwaite, a retired UK traffic police officer who since revealing this information, has been made a virtual pariah by his former colleagues. In the book he details the legal loopholes you can exploit to keep your licence clean and your cash in your pocket.

The Inside Track!

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Did you know that if a patrol car stops you for speeding, and it hasn't been subject to a simple test that very day, in all likelihood you'll be immediately off the hook?

you'll be immediately off the hook?

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because everything is carefully logged - and the answer could see you escape without penalty! You'll learn all about this on page 21.

The information contained within The Driver's Survival Handbook covers practically every situation you're likely to encounter on a British road. This is a UK publication by the way. It isn't an adaptation of a foreign book, and the advice applies specifically to how the law is enforced in this country.

- Some of the things you'll learn!

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FT had a couple of solid reminders that

wrestling is the way
forward this week.
We nipped up to Manchester for
the RAW TV taping at the MEN
Arena on Monday night, and yes,
yours truly had the pleasure of
escorting our sumptuous
Page 3 beauties Malene and
Clairs around the building Claire around the building.

Feud

Didn't they do well with Carlito? Take it from me, he's impressed with them.

Aside from the painless task of passing time with wrestling's two newest and sexiest fans, FT was pleasantly surprised by what was a highly-entertaining show.

We got the first IC title change on

foreign soil for some time when Jeff Hardy outfoxed Nitro with his quick roll-up, as well as the shortest-ever build to a ladder match in WWE history moments later. Edge and Orton's victory should bring about the end of their

feud with the veterans Flair and Piper at Survivor Series on November 26.

November 26.

The flurry of changes involving the IC strap in the past 12 months has undoubtedly reduced its value in the eyes of the fans.

If asked to pick a long-term champion between these two coming out of Survivor Series next weekned, it would have to be Nitro, end, it would have to be Nitro, simply because Hardy has form on the reliability front.

His charisma and ability

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His charisma and ability are not in question and Nitro's move set has expanded well since his forced leap into singles wrestling. It should be a good match.

Despite the title switches, RAW was very much the DX show, culminating in Trip getting saucy during the women's title "match".

Handcuffs and Mickle James? Ahem. DX had been getting dated but on Monday night they were all entertainment.

Edge is a fully-fledged, top-tier heel at this point and indications are WWE plan to utilise him as such indefinitely.

Rewards

There is a great deal to observe in the pairing of orton and Edge.

The powers-that-be are keeping a close eye on how the prodigal son Orton performs in the main event on one hand and scrutinising how he learns from his more illustrious partner in this feud on the other.

Edge is an example to the young pretender of the rewards of application in the business and how to overcome personal issues and enjoy success.

FT. for one, hopes Orton takes careful note. He has a lot to offer.

FT was struck by the fact that Cena is getting over again – and not just with the kids.

the kids.

Cena has set his sights on proving to his employers and to fans that he is a credible main event talent and makes WWE big money as champion.

Even the most ardent of his characters will have

his detractors will have to face the fact that he's come some way down that road this year and deserves credit for his

effort.
It was very good to see "The Anarchist" Doug Williams out there with Carlos, albeit for five minutes, but we'd had a

decent fix of the Maidstone mat technician at the debut RQW event in York Hall in London on

debut RQW event in York Hall in London on Saturday night. He lost out to Martin Stone in a bruising main event on a card which also featured James Tighe, Jody Fleisch, Jonny Storn and Darren Burridge. In addition, fair play to the lads from IWW over in Ireland – The Heretic Red

GOING DOWN: Jeff Hardy drops in on Nitro. Below, Carlito with Page 3 babes Claire and Malene

Vinny and Mad Man Manson were enjoyable. RQW is billed as the rebirth of British

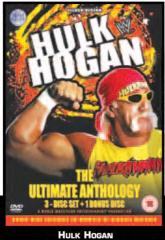
RQW is billied as the rebirth of British wrestling and with a combination of a cracking set and great venue at the York Hall, it has potential. The free December 16 show, in association with homeless described to the control of the state of of the st

homeless charity Crisis, is bound to prosper. More on that show to come in the next couple of weeks.

MORE British live wrestling is on this weekend with our very own FWA at Perdiswell Leisure Centre in Worcester Perdiswell Leisure Centre in Worceste on Sunday night. Stevie Knight and Dirk Feelgood feature and it's the last show of the year, so don't mise out. Call 08700 600100

Come on if you think you're hard enough! E-mail me with your views... I dare you!

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Q I'M selling my Mini Cooper S on an 03/53 plate and buying a BMW 3-Series Convertible. I also have about £5-6,000 to spend on top of that. What am I likely to get for the Mini and what do you reckon is the best 3-Series to get with the money?

A Go for a private sale and you're likely to get \$19,500 - assuming it's in good condition. You an also add a little on for the right optional extras, such as the Chili pack, sat nav and leather upholstery. Your £14,500 can buy a 2001/Y 325 Ci; an extra £1,000 will buy a 330 Ci of the same age – both bought privately.



A I'VE seen a car that I like the look of at a car supermarket. It seems well priced, but do you think there's a chance I could haggle some more off?

A You can give it a go but we don't fancy your chances. Car supermarkets usually work on the premise that you don't need to haggle, as the cars are cheap enough to start with. Car supermarkets make their profits by earning a little money on a lot of cars, as opposed to a main dealer who will make a bigger margin, but sell fewer cars. If you can get them to shave a few quid off, you will have done very well.

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FACTFILE

BMW 335i SE Coupé

PRICE (on the road): £33,420. (3-Series range: £19,995 - £45,135).



I'M sorry to say this, but it's dreadful name isn't the only bad thing about the

name isn't the only bad thing about the Subaru B9 Tribeca.
You see, not only does it sound like a B9 cancer, it's also horrible to drive.
It may look great and it may have a big and powerful 3.0-litre, six-cylinder boxer engine with 240bhp, but the whole motoring experience is far too American, which is, of course, the main market that it's aimed at.

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as in course, the main market that its aimed at.

By American, I mean wobbly, wallowy and completely uncommunicative. They should have completely re-worked the suspension for the UK.

It is practical, though, and this week there was a bit more good news for Subaru. The car won a maximum five-star safety rating from testers in Australia and New Zealand to add to a similar top rating in America.

So there you go. Wobbly, but safe.

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WHAT'S the third biggest car maker Japan, behind Toyota and Nissan? It's not da... It's Suzuki, thanks to strong sales of and Grand Vitara. Top 10: 1 Toyota (1, 417, 98 (670.096); 3 Suzuki (587,874); 4 Honda (541 (hatsu (524,881); 6 Mazda (235,454); 7 Mitsub (225,781); 8 Subaru (206,001); 9 Isuzu (79,635) 10 Mitsubishi trucks (58,329).

IF you are disabled, you probably qualify for help with buying a specially adapted car. An organisation called Motability can sort out all your problems. You could even qualify for a brand new car every three years with insurance, personal accident cover, breakdown assistance from the RAC, an allowance of 45,000 miles over three years and free tyre replacement. If you live in Essex, Herts, or East Anglia get down to Motorsales of Burnt Mill, Harlow, next Wednesday, where the Motability team will be on hand, and also showing a special range of Vauxhalls, Fiats and Citroëns. For more details, and general Motability queries call 01279

matter how many times I move the goalposts, how often I raise the bar, it seems that car companies are staying with me.

I'm sick of praising them. I'm sick of saying how good they are. What I need is a calamity. Something that pretends to be good, but is truly awful.

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So, when in need, when in sheer, absolute desperation, there's only one thing for it: call BMW.

That's right, phone Dialadog. com. Yep, BMW make some pretty awesome motors, but they've also got some seriously dodgy stuff lurking in the reserves. Namely, the 3 Series.

I think, apart from the unbelievable M3, that I've never elievable M3, that I've never level and the seriously definite and the seriously dispersion of t

HERE'S how the BMW 335i SE Coupé fares image-wise:

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: No doubt about it, this is a scary car to have behind you. Slitty headlights, lots of mesh, low to the ground and a stance that looks like it's about to pounce.

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BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Twin exhaust is a nice touch, but the taillights don't line up where they go into the boot lid. Odd.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: Honestly, it's got everything you could
ever want, except ...

NAUCHTY NIGGLES: ... a sat-nav system, which is a massive
£1,970 extra. That's a ridiculous price.

TASTY TOUCHES: Filip-out side pockets in both doors. Map
nets on the back of the front seats and another net in the boot.

FAST OR LAST: Quick but confusing. It's just so quiet.

WONGA WONDER: It's a surprisingly big and fast car, but it's

WONGA WONDER: It's a surprisingly big and fast car, but it's also horribly expensive. Far too pricey.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? What? Tracey in a BMW?

"Cor, it's heaven, innit. How much is this, then?"

superior Skoda Octavia will out-

superior Skoda Octavia will out-perform his motor in every possi-ble way for the cash.

Three Series come with clutches from hell, so much so that I once wrote: "It's like a politician's answer: stall, stall, stall."

They've got massive doors that slam into your knees or ankles.

They've got heavy, lifeless, steering, gearboxes that rarely talk to you, just like the accelerator pedal.

They're far too complicated and a pain in the bloody arse.

I haven't slagged off a car for at least a month now - it was the unfortunate and hugely disap-

pointing Renaultsport Clio 197 – so I dialled up a new BMW 3 Series, in this case the alarmingly quick 335i Coupé.

On paper it's almost as fast as the lunatic M3, but it's nearly 12 grand cheaper – there's a good idea.

It's the first BMW since the 745i of the early 80s to come with a turbo. BMW were so opposed to the idea of some vast turbo suddenly cutting in to catapult you to oblivion, they dumped it.

Now the 3 Series has got two. That's right, the 335i comes with not one, but two turbochargers – one for low revs and one for high.

Raw

And it works. In fact it works wonderfully, just like the rest of the car. The new 3 Series is so improved it's now a car you want, rather than want... to get rid of.
Don't for a minute, though, think of it as a poor man's M3. These two are totally different motors. The M3 is raw, violent, shattering power. The 3351 is pure silk.
In fact, this car is so smooth, so refined, so quiet, there's only the speedo to tell you how ridiculously quick it is. It's weird.
You wouldn't believe, in a mill-